(c) The waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively during the year 1991-92 and 1992-93.

Reconstitution of T.A.C. for Goa

824. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for reconstitution of Telephone Advisory Committee for Goa; if so, by when; and

(b) whether Government are contemplating to scrap/merge the technical committee of the Department and empower the T.A.C. to have access to the technical feasibilities report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHR P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Reconstitution of Telecom Advisory Committee for Goa is already under process and it is expected to be reconstituted soon.

(b) No, Sir.

There is no such Committee as "Technical Committee of the Department" and hence there is no such proposal.

Protest against installation of mail box in multi-storeyed buildings

825. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 231 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Postal Employees Union has protested against the Mail Delivery order 1991 dated the 29th May, 1991 alleging that it would adversely affect the operative staff like the postmen and lower grades; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. There is no formal representation against the Mail Delivery Order, 1991 dated 29th May, 1991 by the All India Postal Employees Union.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

Introduction of three types of hour calls

826. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. is considering a proposal to introduce three types of hour calls—a busy hour call, a standard call and cheap hour call; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the same is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

स्मारक डाक टिकट निकाला जाना

827. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अक्तूबर/नवम्बर, 1991 माह में सरकार द्वारा निकाले जाने के लिये प्रस्तावित स्मारक डाक टिकटों का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) भारतीय भवन पुस्तकालय, इलाहाबाद पर स्मारक डाक टिकट कब तक निकाला जायगा ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगैया नायडु) : (क) अक्तूबर/नवम्बर 1991 माह में जारी की जाने वाली स्मारक डाक टिकटों की सूची विवरण में दी गई है ।

(ख) यह डाक टिकट 1992 के दौरान जारी करने का प्रस्ताव है।

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Closure of Telecommunication Office at Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

828. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the office of the Telecommunications at Guntur in Andhra Pradesh has been closed recently, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): Yes Sir, the office of Area Director Telecom. at Guntur in Andhra Pradesh has been closed as it is no more justified due to insufficient workload. "Originally, Area Director Guntur was incharge of Eluru, Gutnur and Prakasham TDs. Subsequently Eluru and Guntur TDs were upgraded to TDM (JAG) level. Hence Area Director was left with only one TD of Prakasham. Further, the entire telegraph traffic function was placed under the charge of Director (TT). Hence residual Prakasham T.D. alone did not justify the post of an Area Director".

Public call offices in Delhi and Bombay

829. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of public call offices in Delhi and Bombay which remained out of order during the last six months;

(b) what is the number of phone hours thus lost;

(c) what is the extent of loss suffered by Government as result threof; and

(d) what steps are being taken for removal of faults of these public call offices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) On an average, PCOs demaining faulty during a day is 21 out of 8898 in Delhi and 30 out of 8321 in Bombay.

(b) On an average, Phone hours lost per PCO works out five minutes approximately per day.

(c) The Government does not suffer any loss on this account because in almost every locality there are more than one PCO available.

(d) PCO are daily tested by the line staff. Complaints for faulty PCOs are booked on nonmetered service telephone and these complaints are attended to on priority. The fault rectification is closely monitored at area GMs level.

Meeting of employees of FCI with Prime Minister

830. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of the Food Corporation of India held a rally on October, 6/7, 1991 in New Delhi and called on Prime Minister;

(b) if so, what are the details of their demands; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The Food Corporation of